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SUBJ: PRESIDENT KAUNDA COMMENTS ON MAY 15 SHOOTING INCIDENT

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1. AT STATE HOUSE DINNER IN HONOR UNSYG WALDHEIM MAY 22
PRESIDENT REFERRED TO MAY 15 SHOOTING INCIDENT AND MAY 20
LANDMINE INCIDENTS IN WHICH FIVE ZAMBIANS KILLED. ACCORDING
TO LOCAL PRESS, PRESIDENT DESCRIBED DEATH OF TWO CANADIANS
AND WOUNDING OF AMERICAN AS " A GREAT TRAGEDY." CHARGED FOUR
TOURISTS, " IF TOURISTS THEY WERE", WERE DELIBERATELY SHEPHERDED
TO THEIR DEATHS BY RHODESIA. HE CONTINUED, QUOTE BUT WHEN YOU
REALIZE THAT SOME PEOPLE, IN THEIR EVIL SCHEMING, KEEP TWO
INNOCENT CANADIANS FOR A YEAR IN SOUTH AFRICA WITH THEIR
RELATIVES AND THEN BRING THEM TO RHODESIA AND SHEPHERD THEM TO
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AN EXPLOSIVE BORDER, AN AREA WHERE EVEN NON- TOURISTS DO NOT GO, WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE FACT THAT SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS SHOT AT PLACES IN ZAMBIA, WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT SOUTH AFRICAN PLANES DROPPED GRENADES ON A ZAMBIAN VILLAGE -- WHICH WE FORTUNATELY EVACUATED IN TIME -- YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE NOT TRIGGER HAPPY, OR WHAT THEY ARE SAYING, THAT THE ZAMBIAN ARMY IS INDISCIPLINED. YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE SENTRY AT THE POWER STATION. IT IS A QUESTION OF SECURITY AND GUARDING ZAMBIAN HUMAN LIFE. UNQUOTE. REFERRING TO RHODESIA, PRESIDENT SAID QUOTE IT IS A PITY THAT WE SHOULD HAVE SUCH MAD PEOPLE AS OUR NEIGHBORS. UNQUOTE.

2. PRESIDENT ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID QUOTE BUT WE WONDER WHAT THE BIG POWERS WHO ARE SUPPORTING THESE RACIST REGIMES ARE GOING TO SAY (ABOUT MAY 20 INCIDENTS). WE KNOW THEY WILL PICK ON THE UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT IN WHICH THE CANADIANS AND AMERICANS LOST THEIR LIVES. WE ASK YOU, MR. SECRETARY GENERAL, TO CONVEY TO THE BIG POWERS, ESPECIALLY WESTERN POWERS, WHO SUPPORT THE FASCIST REGIMES AS STRONGLY AS YOU CAN THAT THEY ARE MAKING OUR JOB DOUBLY DIFFICULT BECAUSE IN THE END, THE MAJORITY ARE BOUND TO WIN AND IT IS WE WHO WILL BE CALLED UPON TO HELP WHEN AFRICANS TAKE OVER UNQUOTE.

3. EMBOFF TALKED TO MRS. CROTHERS (NOTE CORRECT SPELLING CROTHERS) BY PHONE MAY 24. HUSBAND WILL RECUPERATE IN HOSPITAL PROBABLY ANOTHER WEEK. NO LONGER EXPECT TO COME TO ZAMBIA ON WAY NORTH. MENTIONED RHODESIAN PRESS REPORTED UNSYG TOOK " TROLLEY" INTO GORGE DURING LIVINGSTONE VISIT MAY 22 AND VIEWED SCENE OF INCIDENT. (COMMENT: LOCAL SOURCES SAY UNSYG ONLY VIEWED GORGES FROM ABOVE AND DID NOT REPEAT NOT DESCEND INTO GORGE. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED HE VIEWED FALLS AND FALLS BRIDGE CONNECTING RHODESIA- ZAMBIA.)

4. FOR JOHANNESBURG: CROTHERS MAILING THEIR WRITTEN STATEMENT TO LUTKINS. PLEASE FORWARD TO US UPON RECEIPT.
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